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Lava Beds National Monument to Offer Free Admission for 16 Days in 2016

WASHINGTON – The National Park Service turns 100 years old in 2016 and wants everyone to celebrate! All national parks, including Lava Beds National Monument, will waive entrance fees on 16 special days in 2016.

The 16 entrance [fee-free days](#) for 2016 will be:

- January 18 – Martin Luther King, Jr. Day
- April 16-24 – National Park Week
- August 25-28 – National Park Service Birthday Weekend
- September 24 – National Public Lands Day
- November 11 – Veterans Day

“The National Park Service Centennial is an exciting time for parks across the country and at Lava Beds National Monument,” said Superintendent Larry Whalon. “These fee-free days are a great time to visit Lava Beds and explore the wide array of recreational opportunities found in the park.”

Lava Beds National Monument is open year round, and each season offers a special experience in the park. In the summer, rangers lead daily programs, including cave tours, porch talks, and wilderness hikes. The lower visitation during the rest of the year makes for a quiet and tranquil experience on the trails and in the caves.

Lava Beds is planning several events and activities in 2016 to celebrate the centennial. In the spring, the park will launch its own Explorer Activity, which will encourage visitors to get outside and explore the many caves, trails, and historic sites found within the park. Visitors who visit enough of these sites will earn a special prize. Lava Beds will also host its annual National Public Lands Day event on September 24, one of the fee-free days, and volunteers will be invited to complete several service projects throughout the park.

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Usually, Lava Beds National Monument has an entrance fee of \$15 per car. The entrance fee waiver does not cover camping, and even on fee-free days, visitors must still go to the visitor center before entering any caves. Several passes are also available for purchase, including the Lava Beds Annual Pass and the National Parks and Federal Recreational Lands Annual Pass.

Lava Beds National Monument is a strong economic engine for the surrounding area and is hoping to build on its visitation during the centennial year. In 2014, approximately 138,000 park visitors contributed over \$5 million dollars to the Klamath Basin economy and supported over 75 jobs related to tourism. Lava Beds visitors travel from all over the region, country, and world to experience the monument.

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Lava Beds National Monument, established in 1925, is a land of turmoil, both geologic and historic. Over the last half-million years, volcanic eruptions have created a rugged landscape dotted with diverse volcanic features. Lava tube caves, Native American sites, historic battlefields, and a high desert wilderness experience await you!

For more information about visiting Lava Beds National Monument, call 530-667-8113, email labe_interpretation@nps.gov, or go to www.nps.gov/labe. Also, visit the park's Facebook and Twitter pages.

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